

## *Proclamation*

# JOSEPH RUIZ GARCIA, JR.

The State of Hawai'i mourns the loss of a great community leader, Joseph Ruiz Garcia, Jr. A native of Maui, Joseph Garcia made a significant impact on our community through his public service in the State Legislature as the representative of East Hawai'i and as a member of the Hawai'i County Council.

Joseph Garcia, Jr. was born and raised in Lahaina, Maui, and began working at age nine for Pioneer Mill at 35 cents a day. After his college graduation from UC Davis, he worked for the Hawai'i Sugar Planters Association as an agriculturist moving to the Big Island in 1942.

His immeasurable contributions to territorial and state politics began in 1949 with the announcement of his candidacy to represent East Hawai'i in the House of Representatives. After winning this seat he was named chairman of the labor and industrial relations committee, and vice chairman of the health committee. Joseph also served as a member of the juvenile and recreation, institutions, and agriculture committees, and was named the majority floor leader for eight years and minority leader for seven years.

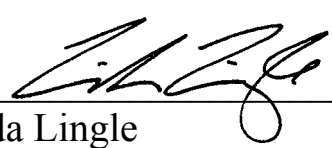
Joseph Garcia, Jr. represented East Hawai'i in the Territorial and State House of Representatives for 24 years and earned the respect of colleagues from all political parties.

With his hard work and compassion, Joseph Garcia, Jr. became a leader and mentor within our community, helping Hawai'i transition to Statehood.

Although he will be deeply missed by his family and friends, the legacy of his service to Hawai'i will never be forgotten.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby order the lowering of the Hawai'i State flag to half-staff on all state buildings on **Friday, June 2, 2006, from sunrise to sunset.**

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this thirtieth day of May 2006.

  
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Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai'i